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Hello,

I own a small software development company and have intimate knowledge of the software market.

I believe the proposed settlement is MORE than adequate given the current state of the market. (In fact, I believe the settlement goes too far in trying to restrict software publishers from designing their products however they see fit). There are alternatives to Microsoft products and there always have been. If an alternative is not available, a new one can be created with NO physical investment (unlike a true monopoly like electricity/oil, in which case I can not go out and create new petroleum fields).

Please, let it end already. If you, or any of the other folks with sour grapes over Microsoft's success don't like Windows, load Linux, BSD, etc., etc. and don't use their products. Its as simple as that.

I won't get into all of the benefits computer users have seen over the last 10 years thanks to a Microsoft "standard". I can say this... if not for Windows, my parents and millions of other folks out there would not be computing today.

Thanks,
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